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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: BBAK, BBSR, IZ
SUBJ: WTDR/FTI: PALMTEX BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HOUSE

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1. IRAQ
OFFICE USE: 2. 505 3. NA 4. 01
5. PALMTEX BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HOUSE
6. P.O. BOX 385, THURAYA BUILDING, SAADOUN ST.
7. BAGHDAD
8. CONTACT: PANOS TOMASSIAN
9. TITLE: PARTNER
(OTHER OFFICIAL IS SALIM ABDUL MAJID, ALSO PARTNER).
10. PHONE 9641/8882424 11. TELEX: NA
12. CABLE: ELKOMO BAGHDAD
13. ESTABL: 1959, REORGANIZED 1970
14. EMPL: 5 15. SIZE: LARGE
16. REPUTATION: Y-GOOD
17. RPT DATE: 01/78
OFFICE USE: 18. NA 19. NA 20. NA 21. NA 22. NA
23A. 35521/2D AGENT FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY, INTERESTED
IN REPRESENTING U.S. FIRMS
23B. 35522/2D AGENT FOR PARTS AND ATTACHMENTS FOR
TEXTILE MACHINERY, INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING U.S. FIRMS
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23C. 22993/2D AGENT FOR METALLIC YARNS, INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING
U.S. FIRMS
23D. 28230/2D AGENT FOR VICOSE YARNS, INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING
U.S. FIRMS.
23C. 22810/2D AGENT FOR COTTON YARS, INTERESTED IN
REPRESENTING U.S. FIRMS
24. FOREIGN SALES: LOCAL ONLY

25. FINANCIAL REFERENCES: RAFIDAIN BANK, KHULLANI
BRANCH, BAGHDAD.

26. TRADE REFERENCES: TRANSFERTEX, LUCERNE
SWITZERLAND; TERROT STRICKMANSCHINEN, STUTTGART,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: FIRM HAS OBTAINED SEVERAL
COMMISSION AGENCIES SINCE 1970: TRANSFERTEX, LUCERNE
SWITZERLAND AND TRANSPRINTS (U) LTD., MANCHESTER, U.K.,
FOR HEAT TRANSFER PRINTS; CAMBER INTERNATIONAL (ENGLAND) LTD.,
LEICESTER, U.K., FOR KNITTING MACHINES; COLSTAR LTD., LONDON
U.K., FOR ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS; HERBERT KANNEGIESSER, VLOTHO,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR TEXTILE PRINTING MACHINES;
TERROT STRICKMANSCHINEN, STUTTGART, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY FOR KNITTING MACHINES; METALLAND CO., OSAKA,
JAPAN, FOR METALLIC YARNS; KAMO AND CO LTD., KYOTO,
JAPAN, A TRADING COMPANY SPECIALIZING IN THE TEXTILE
SECTOR; COTTONIFICIA OLCESE VENEZIANO, MILAN, ITALY FOR
COTTON YARN; AND ITALISCOSA, MILAN, ITALY FOR SYNTHETIC
YARS.

28. POST EVALUATION: IN 1958, SALIM ABDUL MAJID ESTABLISHED
AN IMPORT AND COMMISSION AGENCY SPECIALIZING IN TEXTILES
AND TEXTILE EQUIPMENT. WHEN THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ASSUMED
CONTROL OF IMPORTS IN 1970, HE AND PANOS TOMASSIAN
ESTABLISHED PALMTX. THE FIRM NOW HOLDS ONLY COMMISSION
AGENCIES, AND CONTINUES TO SPECIALIZE IN MEETING THE NEEDS
OF THE IRAQI TEXTILE INDUSTRY. THE FIRM CAN ONLY ACT AS AN
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AGENT FOR FOREIGN FIRMS SELLING TO GOVERNMENT TEXTILE
MILLS IF SUCH AGENCY AGREEMENTS ARE REGISTERED. AGENCY
REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS MUST INCLUDE A BOYCOTT OATH WHICH
VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1977 EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
ACT, AS AMENDED. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, HOWEVER, FOR
SALES TO THE IRAQI PRIVATE SECTOR. THE FIRM IS APPARENTLY
WELL ESTABLISHED AND CLAIMS ANNUAL SALES VOLUME OVER USD
10 MILLION. ITS LOCAL REPUTATION IS GOOD, BUT THE PARTNERSHIP
MAY BE DISSOLVED SOON AS A RESULT OF A RECENT IRAQI GOVERNMENT
DECREE WHICH FORBIDS FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS (SALIM ABDUL
MAJID IS A RETIRED OFFICER) TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL
ACTIVITIES WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY
COMMAND COUNCIL. AT PRESENT, THE FIRM IS STILL CONSIDERED
TO BE A SATISFACTORY CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

29. PREP: KHALID G. TALIA. APPR: DAVID S. ROBINS
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